

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

JOHN ESPEY, III, M.D.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	1:24CV128
)	
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA)	
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, and BENJAMIN)	
E. HAITHCOCK, M.D.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER APPROVING JOINT RULE 26(f) REPORT AND
LOCAL RULE 5.5 REPORT**

The Court has reviewed the Joint Rule 26(f) Report (Docket Entry 39) and Local Rule 5.5 Report (Docket Entry 40) submitted by the parties which, *inter alia*, adopts the default procedures of Local Rule 5.4(c) regarding filing documents under seal. The Court approves both with the following modification:

1. The date for the completion of all discovery (general and expert) is March 2, 2026.

/s/ Joe L. Webster

United States Magistrate Judge

Date: August 15, 2025